

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the first paragraph of the Detailed Description beginning on page 3, line 21 and ending on page 3, line 29 with the following:

Fig. 1 illustrates a lawnmower 10 including a frame 14, front wheels 18 and rear wheels 22 supporting the frame 14, a mower deck 26 supported by the frame 14, an engine 28 supported by the frame 14, a cutting blade 30 disposed under the mower deck 26 and driven by the engine 28. As shown in Fig. 1, the cutting blade 30 is normally obscured from view, but is illustrated through a cut-away portion of the mower deck 26. The engine 28 may be enclosed within a housing, as shown in Fig. 1. The lawnmower may also include a seat 34 supported by the frame 14 on which an operator may sit and a foot board 35 ~~foot board 38~~ supported by the frame 14 for supporting an operator's feet. In the illustrated construction, the two rear wheels 22 may be coupled on a single axle and may both rotate about the same rotational axis 36.